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Saskatchewan farmers have seeded 75 per cent of the 2007 crop, just slightly behind the five-year (2002-06) average of 77 per cent, according to Saskatchewan Agriculture and Food's weekly crop report.

The west central region is furthest advanced at 89 per cent, while the northeast is least advanced at 40 per cent. Early-seeded crops are emerging in all areas of the province.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved in southern and west central regions last week, but deteriorated in northern and east central regions. Crop reporters stated that 74 per cent of crop land has adequate topsoil moisture conditions, down from last week's estimate of 80 per cent. Twenty-three per cent of crop land is rated as having surplus topsoil moisture; east central reporters rated almost 40 per cent of crop land in a surplus situation, while north eastern reporters rated over 80 per cent of crop land in surplus topsoil moisture condition. Provincially, reporters rated 76 per cent of hay and pasture land in an adequate topsoil moisture situation.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April, with over 85 per cent of the reporters rating pastures in their area as good to excellent. Livestock water supplies are generally adequate across the province, having improved somewhat since the end of April. Localized areas in the south continue to report inadequate supplies of livestock water.

For southern and some central areas, last week's rain was very welcome, replenishing topsoil moisture and improving hay and pasture land. Farmers in the northeast are looking for dry conditions so they can complete their seeding in a timely manner. The northeast received an average of 38 mm last week, with rainfall amounts of up to 76 mm reported in the region.

Frost was reported in many areas of the province, although the amount of damage is still undetermined.

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Seeding Progress in SK
per cent seeded

	All Crops
May 27/07	75
5-year Avg. (2002-06)	77
May 28/06	80
May 29/05	85
May 31/04	79
May 25/03	69
May 26/02	74

1 Year Ago

Eighty per cent of the 2006 crop was seeded.

Limited progress was made with fieldwork in many areas of the province, due to wet and/or windy weather.

Over 80 per cent of the reporters rated pastures in their area as good to excellent.

Localized areas in the south were reporting insufficient supplies of livestock water.

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South eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 1, 2, & 3ase)

The southeast was generally cool and wet during the past week, with frost in most areas and snow in some areas. An average of 46 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 35 mm reported in Crop District (CD) 1a, to an average high of 58 mm reported in CD 1b. The Rocanville-Tantallon area reported 80 mm and creeks and runs are full. Low-lying areas were flooded in the Broadview area. Frost did damage to canola, alfalfa, and newly emerging crops. Some re-seeding is underway. Some farmers burnt bales around canola fields trying to prevent crop damage – warmer weather will show if they were successful or not.

Seeding is reported as 79% complete, up from 72% last week. Crop District 3ase is furthest ahead at 89% complete, while CD 1b reports 70% complete. Crops are emerging across the region.

South eastern reporters rate 82% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, down from 96% last week. The area of surplus topsoil moisture has increased to 17% of the crop land. On hay and pasture land, reporters rate 96% as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, up from 89% last week. The areas of short and very short topsoil moisture are reduced with the rain of the past week.

Pasture conditions have improved substantially in the southeast since late April. Over 90% of reporters rate their pastures in good to excellent condition, compared to about 30% at the end of April. Ninety-seven per cent of reporters rate livestock water supplies as adequate, up from 93% in late April. Water shortages are found in localized areas in CD 2a.

Crop growth is slow due to cool temperatures. In-crop spraying is underway. Farmers did some rock-picking and moved cattle to pasture.

South western Saskatchewan (CDs 3asw, 3an, 3b, & 4)

The southwest received some welcome rain last week. An average of 28 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 9 mm reported in CD 4a, to an average high of 50 mm reported in CD 3asw. Over 70 mm was reported in the Viceroy and Eyebrow areas. Flooding was reported in the Gravelbourg area. Some hail was reported in the Shaunavon area. Frost was reported in many areas.

South western farmers have completed 88% of their seeding, up from 81% last week. Crop District 4b is furthest ahead at 99% complete, while CD 3asw is 77% done. Fall rye is 50% headed out in the Elrose area.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved over the past week in the southwest. Reporters rate 89% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, up from 82% last week. The amount of crop land reported in a short or very short topsoil moisture situation decreased from 16% to 7%. Reporters rate 96% of hay and pasture land as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, up from 89% last week. Some regions in CD 4a are looking for more rain for pastures, hay and fall-seeded crops.

Pasture conditions have improved significantly since late April when 37% of reporters rated conditions as good to excellent. At the end of May, 88% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. Ninety-eight per cent of reporters rate livestock water availability as adequate, up from 95% in late April. Ratings of inadequate come from CD 3bs.

Farmers were doing in-crop spraying, applying fertilizer, moving grain to elevators, and moving cattle to pastures. Some farmers sprayed for cutworms in the Stewart Valley area. Also in the Stewart Valley area, some ranchers are feeding their stock hay on pastures. Some chemicals are in short supply.

Crop, hay, and pasture damage because of gophers continues to be an on-going problem in the southwest. In the Mankota area, up

to one third of fields are damaged. In the Ponteix area, emerging crops are being eaten, pea and chickpea seeds are being dug up, and pastured are being badly damaged. Some farmers have shot in excess of 5000 rounds and have not made a dent in the gopher population. Other areas reporting concerns include Cadillac, Orkney, Kincaid, Shaunavon, Glen Bain, Vanguard, Swift Current, Rush Lake, and Maple Creek.

East central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 5 & 6a)

The east central region was cool and wet during the past week, with frost and some snow. An average of 48 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 39 mm reported in CD 6a, to an average high of 61 mm reported in CD 5b. The Kuroki area reported 75 mm of precipitation last week. Flooding was reported in the Saltcoats and Insinger areas. Frost damage is expected on some canola crops and in low-lying areas, and some re-seeding will be necessary.

East central farmers made some seeding progress with 66% complete across the region, up from 53% last week. Crop District 5a is furthest ahead at 74% complete, while CD 5b reports 51% complete.

East central reporters rated 62% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, down from 78% last week. The area of surplus moisture has increased to 38% from 12% last week. For hay and pasture land, reporters rate 63% as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, down from 81% last week. Over one-third of hay and pasture land is rated as having surplus topsoil moisture.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 48% of reporters rated conditions as good to excellent. At the end of May, 83% of reporters rate conditions as good to excellent. Supplies of water for livestock are adequate across the region.

Reporters expect to see some seeding changes to more oat and barley acres and some canola acres switched to earlier varieties or other crops. In CD 5b, some reporters wonder if all fields will get seeded.

Roads are not in good condition in the Goodeve and Quill Lake areas.

Farmers got some spraying done on winter wheat and fall rye crops. Gopher problems were reported in the Lumsden area.

West central Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 6b & 7)

This past week, west central regions were cool and wet with some frost. An average of 20 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 17 mm reported in CD 7b, to an average high of 24 mm reported in CD 7a. There is expected to be some frost damage in the alfalfa and in some low-lying areas.

West central farmers made some seeding progress with 89% complete across the region, up from 75% last week. Crop District 7b is furthest ahead at 95% complete, while CD 6b reports 82% complete.

Topsoil moisture conditions on crop land improved. Reporters rated 89% of the crop land as having adequate moisture, up from 79% last week. For pasture and hay land, reporters rated 91% as having adequate topsoil moisture conditions, up from 86% last week.

Pasture conditions have improved since the end of April when 80% of reporters rated their pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, 89% rate them good to excellent. Livestock water availability is adequate across the region.

Soft roads are a problem in the Strongfield area. There are reports of canola needing to be re-seeded in the Hanley and Grandora areas.

There is some gopher damage in the Kerrobert and Unity areas. Wireworms and flea beetles were reported in the Landis area.

North eastern Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 8 & 9ae)

Weather in the northeast was cool and damp this past week. An average of 38 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 29 mm reported in CD 8b, to an average high of 50 mm reported in CD 8a. Over 75 mm

was reported in the Porcupine Plain area. Frost set back some alfalfa and fall rye crops.

North eastern farmers made some seeding progress with 40% complete across the region, up from 35% last week. Crop District 8b is furthest ahead at 47% complete, while CDs 8a and 9ae report 35% done. With much of the remaining crop to be seeded in June, farmers have concern about pre-harvest frost. Any more rain could mean more summerfallow acres.

Reporters rate 82% of the crop land and 61% of the hay and pasture land in a surplus topsoil moisture situation, up from 53% and 54% respectively. One week of warm, drying weather is needed for farmers to get back into the fields.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northeast since late April when less than 60% of reporters rated pastures as good to excellent. At the end of May, 83% of reporters give the good to excellent rating. Livestock water supplies are considered adequate across the region.

Erosion washed out roads in the RM of Porcupine No. 395. Soft and damaged roads are also a problem in the Humboldt, Hoey, and Alvena areas. Also in the Humboldt area, flooding salt lakes are causing some problems for livestock producers.

Seeding Progress by Crop District

CD	May 27/07	May 28/06
1a	75	89
1b	70	78
2a	78	90
2b	85	87
3an	81	92
3ase	89	92
3asw	77	90
3bn	90	92
3bs	91	96
4a	97	99
4b	99	97
5a	74	69
5b	51	53
6a	71	74
6b	82	85
7a	92	88
7b	95	88
8a	35	52
8b	47	70
9ae	35	66
9aw	76	70
9b	79	79
Prov.	75	80

Farmers are getting stuck in the Hoey area doing pre-seeding spraying.

North western Saskatchewan (Crop Districts 9aw & 9b)

The northwest was generally cool and windy during the past week. An average of 8 mm of precipitation was reported, ranging from an average low of 4 mm reported in CD 9b, to an average high of 12 mm reported in CD 9aw. Some frost was reported which set back some hay crops and damaged some canola. Growth is slow because of cool temperatures.

North western farmers have planted 78% on average across the region, up from 48% last week. Crop District 9b is furthest ahead at 79% complete. Crops are emerging.

Topsoil moisture conditions improved on crop land. Reporters rated 90% of crop land as having adequate topsoil moisture, up from 83% last week. For hay and pasture land, 88% is rated as having adequate topsoil moisture, about the same as last week. Eleven per cent of the hay and pasture land is rated as being in a short topsoil moisture situation, and rain would be welcome.

Pasture conditions have improved in the northwest. At the end of April, 65% of reporters rated pastures in their district in good to excellent condition, while at the end of May, that number was 83%. Livestock water supplies are adequate across the region.

Cattle were moved to pastures. Shortages of seed wheat and some chemicals were reported. Flea beetle damage was reported in the Dorintosh area.

Weekly Rainfall Summary
(in millimeters)

for the week ending May 26, 2007

Crop Dist.	No.	Municipality Name	Past Week	Since April 1
1A	2	Mount Pleasant	35	103
	3	Enniskillen	27	89
	34	Browning	39	98
	64	Brock	48	117
	65	Tecumseh	28	88
1B	91	Maryfield	44	73
	92 A	Walpole	37	109
	92 B	Walpole	38	99
	93	Wawken	58	118
	94	Hazelwood	65	133
	95	Golden West	43	112
	123	Silverwood	62	111
	124	Kingsley	73	138
	125	Chester	35	105
	151 A	Rocanville	80	155
	151 B	Rocanville	80	170
	153	Willowdale	80	132
	154	Elcapo	70	126
	155	Wolseley	51	118
2A	36	Cymri	35	118
	66	Griffin	10	22
	68	Brokenshell	36	93
	69	Norton	39	102
	96	Fillmore	43	105
	97	Wellington	31	90
	99	Caledonia	68	134
2B	126	Montmartre	34	105
	127	Francis	34	110
	129	Bratt's Lake	29	69
	131	Baildon	37	101
	156 B	Indian Head	45	103
	158	Edenwold	46	83
	160	Pense	40	81
	161	Moose Jaw	52	100
3ASE	9	Surprise Valley	54	126
	38 A	Laurier	43	109
	38 B	Laurier	41	102
	39 A	The Gap	35	76
	39 B	The Gap	44	111
3ASW	10	Happy Valley	58	129
	12	Poplar Valley	54	105
	40	Bengough	65	143
	42	Willow Bunch	52	124
	43 A	Old Post	51	121
	43 B	Old Post	34	90
	44	Waverley	41	89
	70	Key West	46	122
	71 A	Excel	72	162
	71 B	Excel	51	111
	71 C	Excel	41	113
	73 A	Stonehenge	45	89
	73 B	Stonehenge	38	107
3AN	101 B	Terrell	41	115
	102	Lake Johnston	24	98
	103	Sutton	54	149
	132	Hillsborough	43	94
	134	Shamrock	33	124
	164	Chaplin	20	81
	193	Eyebrow	72	98
	194	Enfield	51	76
3BS	17 A	Val Marie	24	89
	17 B	Val Marie	16	92
	45	Mankota	50	102
	46	Glen Mcpherson	32	118
	75 A	Pinto Creek	27	81
	75 B	Pinto Creek	37	91
	76 A	Auvergne	17	73
	76 B	Auvergne	28	95
	77	Wise Creek	13	90
	78 A	Grassy Creek	9	116
	78 B	Grassy Creek	10	108
	78 C	Grassy Creek	12	105
	105	Glenbain	42	126
	106	Whiska Creek	12	100
	107	Lac Pelletier	7	41
	108	Bone Creek	4	74
3BN	136	Coulee	20	68
	138	Webb	8	53
	165	Morse	6	15*
	166	Excelsior	9	35
	167	Sask. Landing	19	52
	225	Canaan	26	57
	226	Victory	28	56
	228 A	Lacadena	26	60
	228 B	Lacadena	31	48
	257	Monet	29	48
4A	19	Frontier	18	106
	51	Reno	2	91
	79	Arlington	6	104
	109 A	Carmichael	10	76
	109 B	Carmichael	8	82
	110	Piapot	10	60
	111 A	Maple Creek	10	52
	111 B	Maple Creek	8	60
4B	139	Gull Lake	7	46
	142	Enterprise	15	79
	169	Pittville	18	51
	231	Happyland	25	49
	232	Deer Forks	18	39
5A	185	Mcleod	45	98
	186	Abernethy	39	87
	187	North Qu'appelle	25	64
	211	Churchbridge	57	80
	213	Saltcoats	53	83
	216 A	Tullymet	38	73
	216 B	Tullymet	31	72
	241	Calder	47	62
	243	Wallace	61	84
	245 B	Garry	41	78
	246	Ituna Bon Accord	54	90
	247	Kellross	58	96
	248	Touchwood	41	56
5B	271	Cote	54	73
	273	Sliding Hills	59	73
	275 A	Insinger	53	84
	276	Foam Lake	68	91
	277	Emerald	48	63
	304	Buchanan	70	93
	307	Elfros	71	93
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	335	Hazel Dell	68	88
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	337	Lakeview	55	81
	338	Lakeside	52	71
	366 B	Kelvington	65	75
	367 A	Ponass Lake	68	75
	367 B	Ponass Lake	46	53*
6A	189	Lumsden	56	96
	190 B	Dufferin	46	59
	190 C	Dufferin	41	70
	219 B	Longlaketon	62	79
	219 C	Longlaketon	39	51
	220	Mckillop	44	59
	221	Sarnia	46	80
	222	Craik	30	69
	251	Big Arm	43	69
	252	Arm River	27	54
	279 A	Mount Hope	37	57
	279 B	Mount Hope	51	75
	280	Wreford	35	52
	282	Mccraney	25	31
	309	Prairie Rose	53	75
	312	Morris	21	29
	313	Lost River	25	47
	339 B	Leroy	40	59
	340 A	Wolverine	28	49
	340 B	Wolverine	33	44
	343	Blucher	25	34
6B	254	Loreburn	32	44
	283	Rosedale	29	46
	284	Rudy	25	51
	285	Fertile Valley	20	49
	286	Milden	28	59
	314	Dundurn	33	66
	344	Corman Park	10	32
	345	Vanscoy	13	34
	346	Perdue	21	37
	376 A	Eagle Creek	25	36
	376 B	Eagle Creek	26	33
	403	Rosthern	9	21
	404	Laird	8	14
7A	259	Snipe Lake	33	57
	287	St. Andrews	16	34
	292	Milton	25	59
	317 B	Marriott	18	28
	318 A	Mountain View	18	29
	318 B	Mountain View	14	26
	320	Oakdale	34	75
	321	Prairiedale	38	83
7B	347 A	Biggar	15	23
	347 B	Biggar	26	33
	350 A	Mariposa	23	48*
	350 B	Mariposa	20	37
	351	Progress	20	41*
	352	Heart's Hill	19	50
	377	Glenside	42	47
	378 A	Rosemount	20	34
	378 B	Rosemount	16	23
	379	Reford	16	31
	380	Tramping Lake	12	23
	381	Grass Lake	12	39
	382	Eye Hill	7	56
	409	Buffalo	13	29
	410	Round Valley	5	26*
	411	Senlac	1	31
8A	395	Porcupine	76	92
	397	Barrier Valley	57	75
	398	Pleasantdale	50	107
	428	Star City	44	69
	456	Arborfield	56	107*
	457	Connaught	62	99
	458	Willow Creek	33	64
	486	Moose Range	43	76
	487	Nipawin	34	68
8B	370	Humboldt	31	39
	371	Bayne	22	40
	372	Grant	14	37
	399	Lake Lenore	44	57
	400	Three Lakes	42	42*
	402	Fish Creek	17	28
	429 B	Flett's Springs	35	65
	430 A	Invergordon	39	54
	431	St. Louis	22	32
	459	Kinistino	30	63
9AE	488	Torch River	34	67
9AW	405	Great Bend	10	20
	406	Mayfield	20	34
	435	Redberry	14	30
	436	Douglas	25	30
	463	Duck Lake	11	24
	464	Leask	15	48
	493	Shellbrook	10	46
	494	Canwood	5	35
	496	Spiritwood	9	50
	497	Medstead	6	21
9B	438	Battle River	26	29
	440	Hillsdale	NIL	16
	442	Manitou Lake	NIL	24
	468	Meota	5	32
	498 A	Parkdale	NIL	36*
	498 B	Parkdale	NIL	34
	499	Mervin	2	69
	501 A	Frenchman Butte	NIL	70
	501 B	Frenchman Butte	11	60
	501 C	Frenchman Butte	1	85
	502	Britannia	3	77
	561	Loon Lake	NIL	48
	588 A	Meadow Lake	10	50
	588 B	Meadow Lake	10	60
	588 C	Meadow Lake	2	53
	588 D	Meadow Lake	7	47

These precipitation amounts represent point locations within each municipality and do not necessarily reflect the whole R.M.

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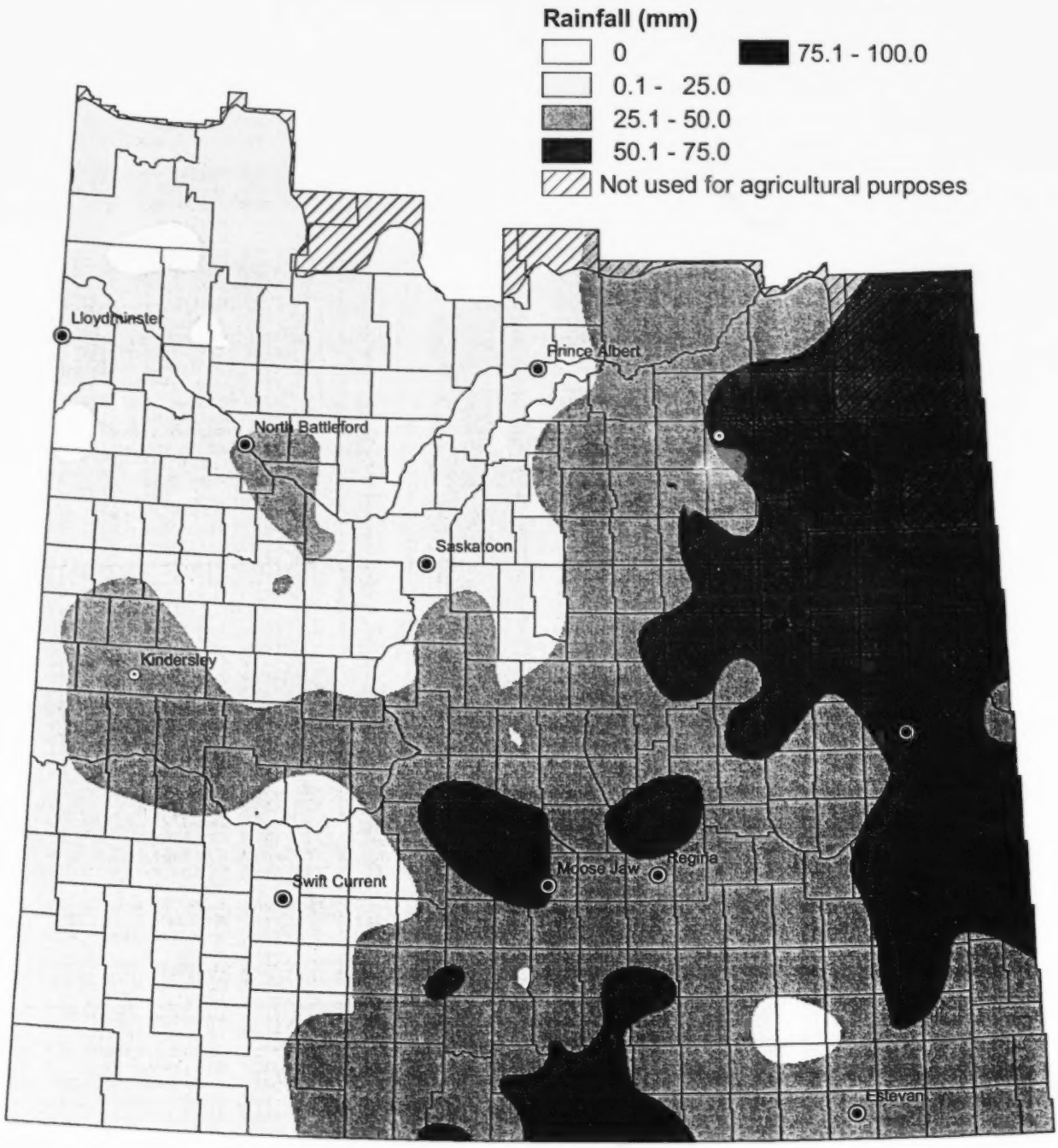
Municipality No: A, B, C, and D - more than one reporter

Weekly Rainfall
for the week ending May 26, 2007



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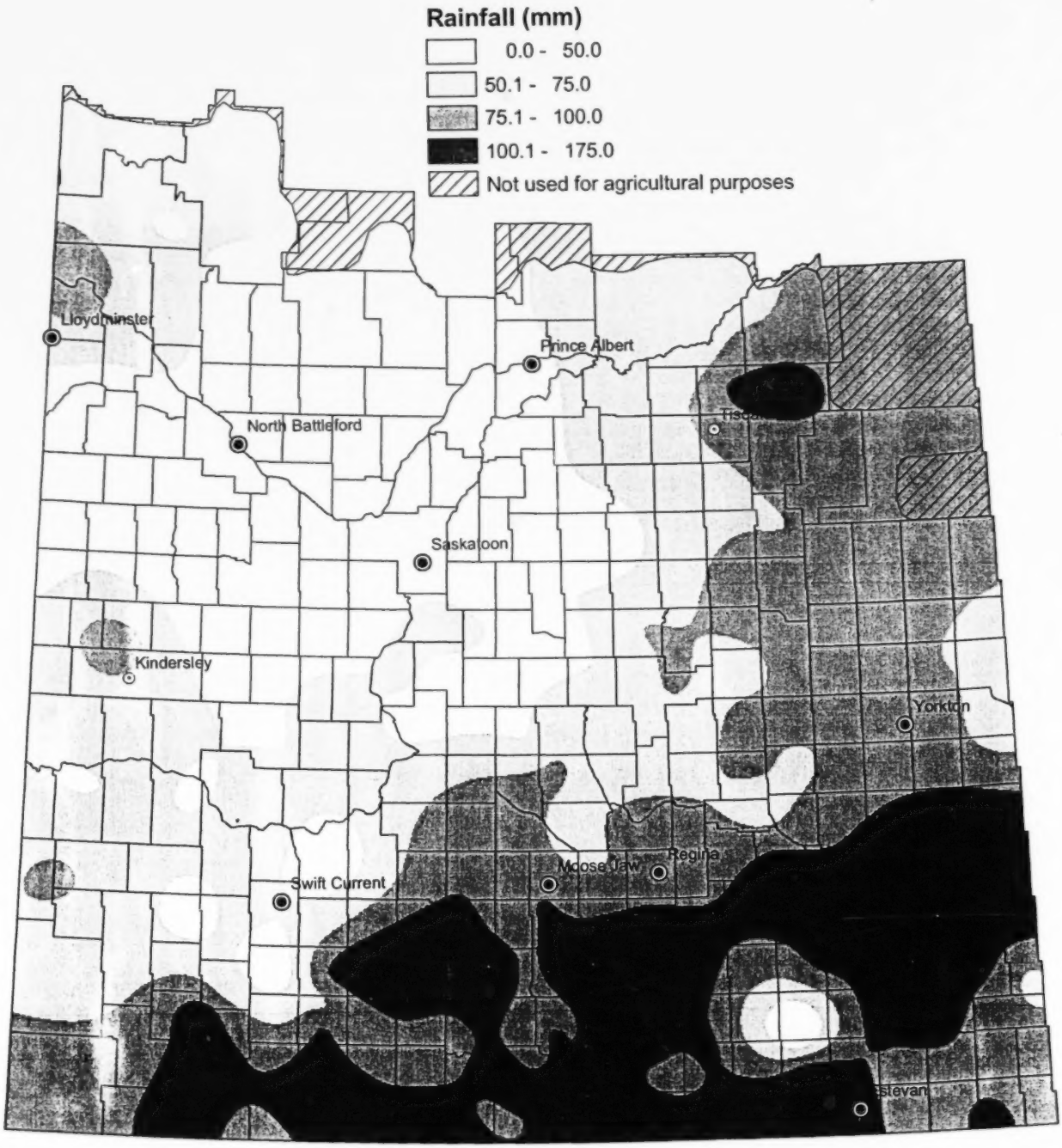
To: May 26, 2007



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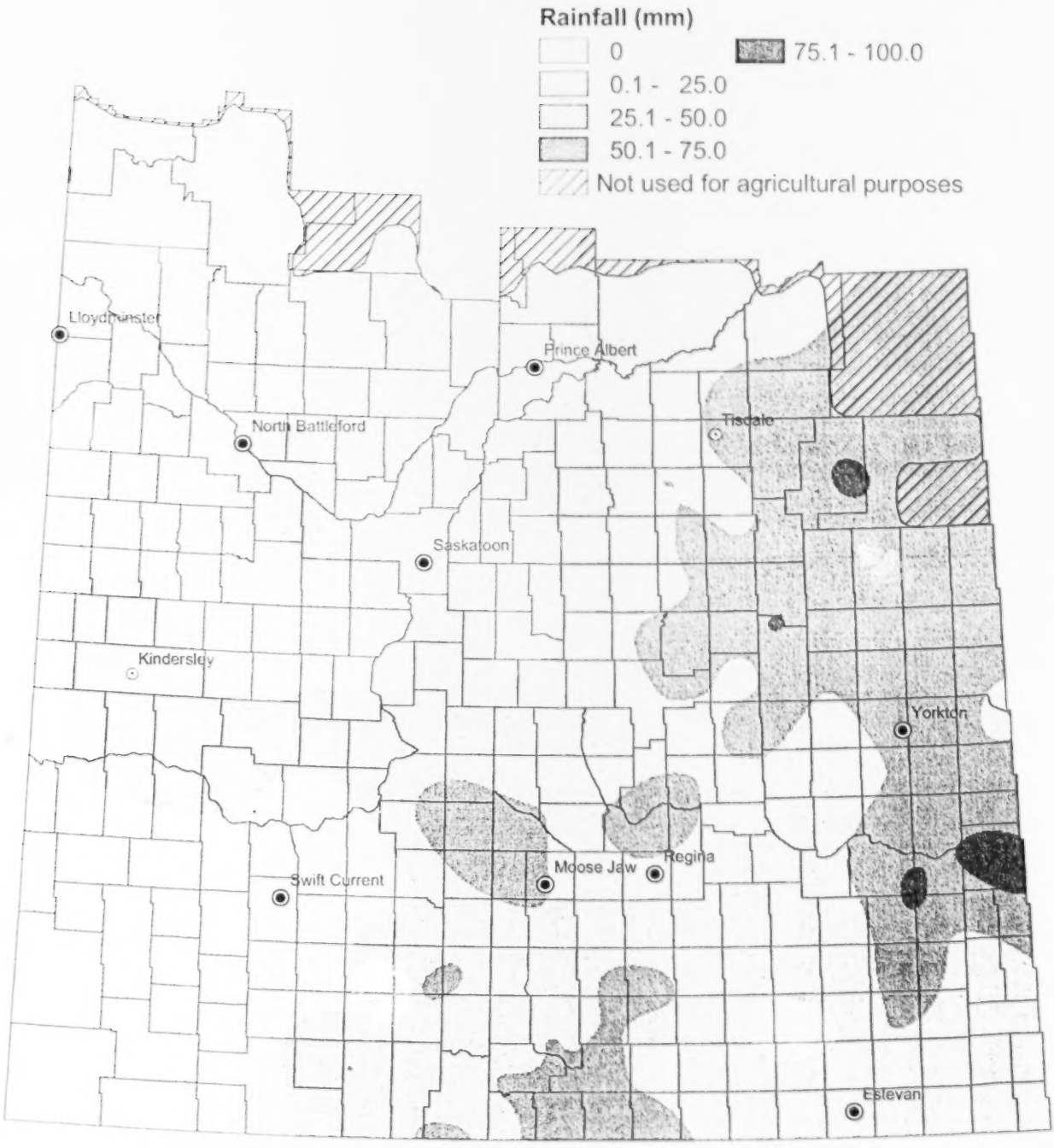

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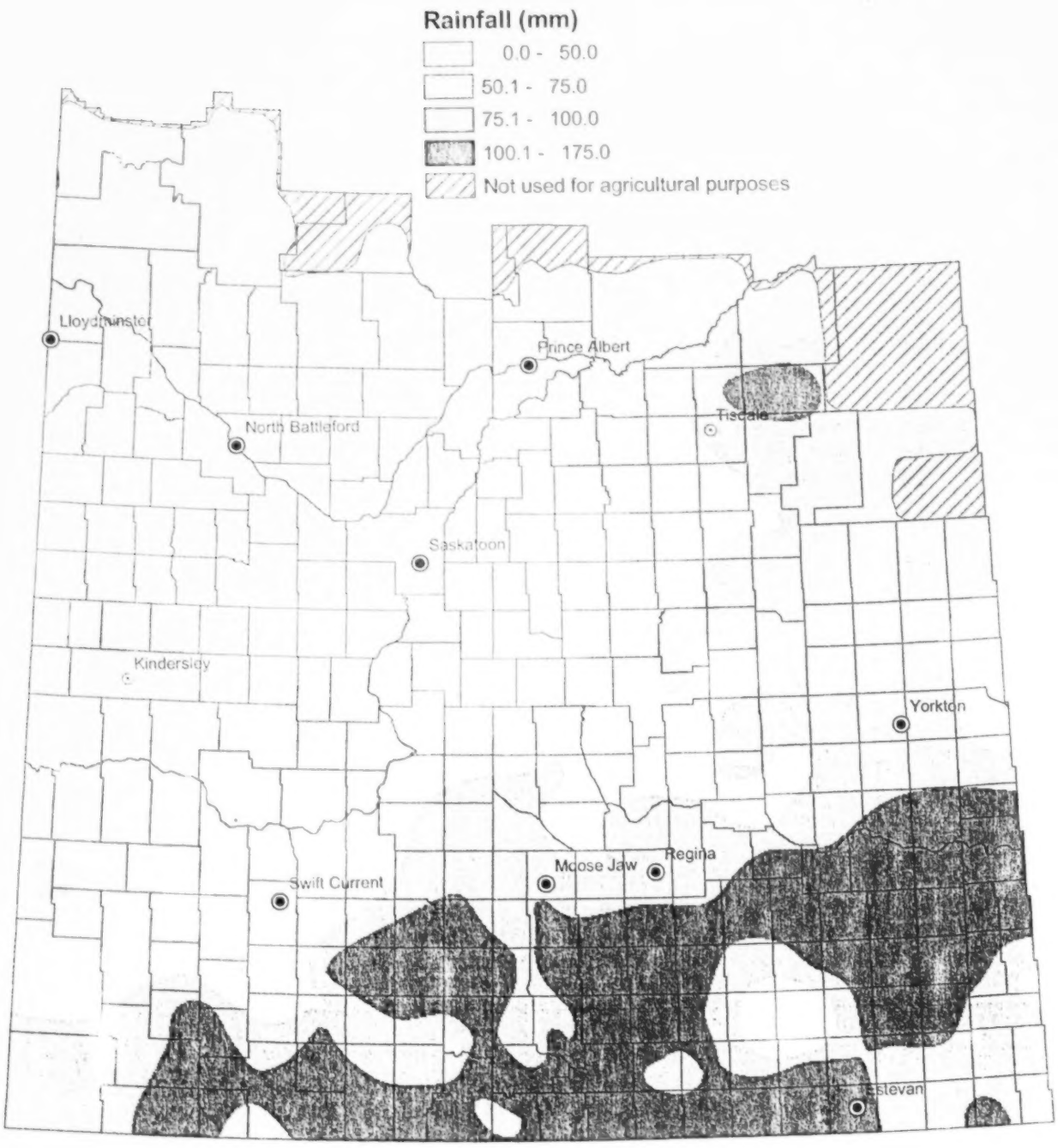

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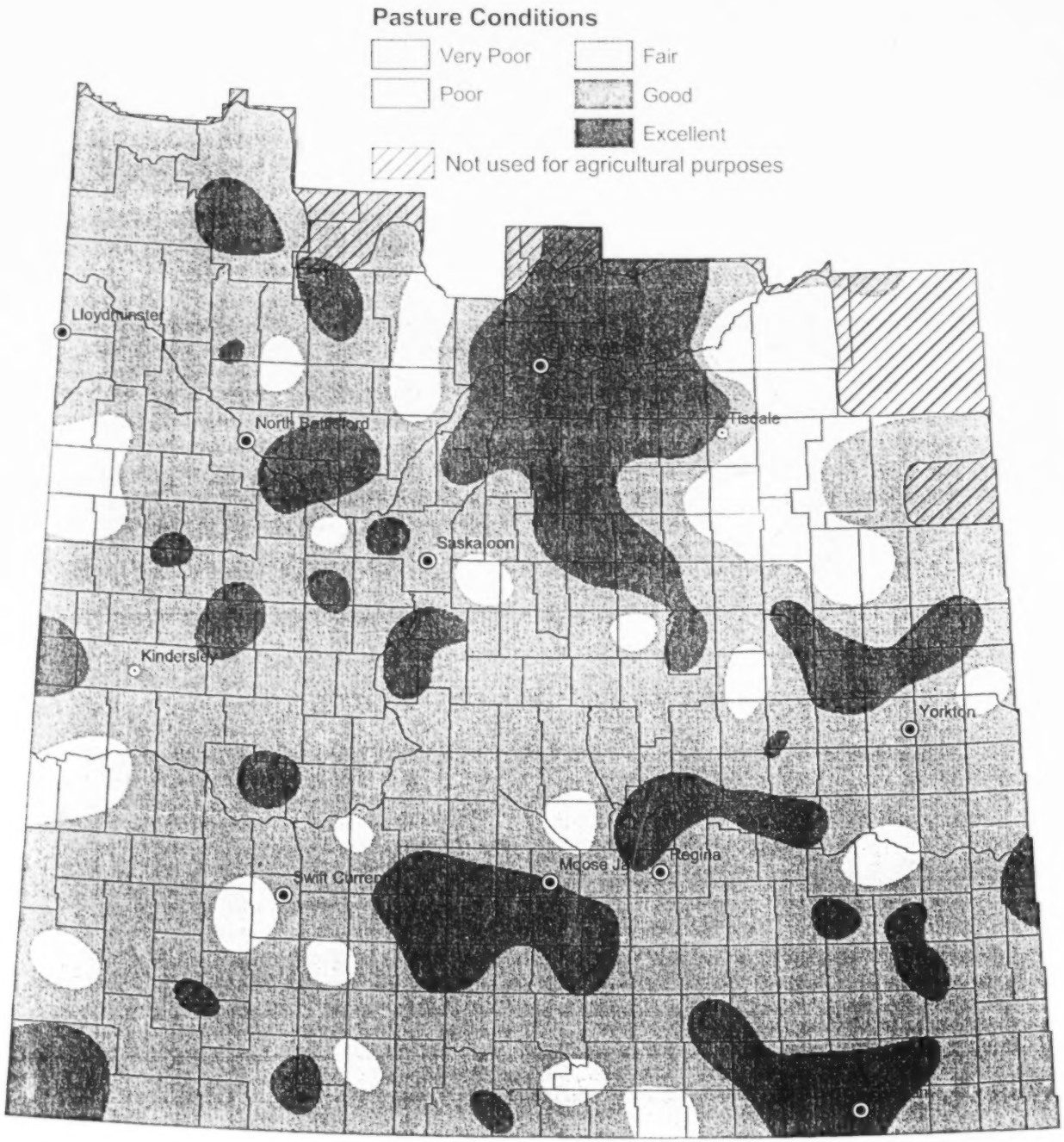

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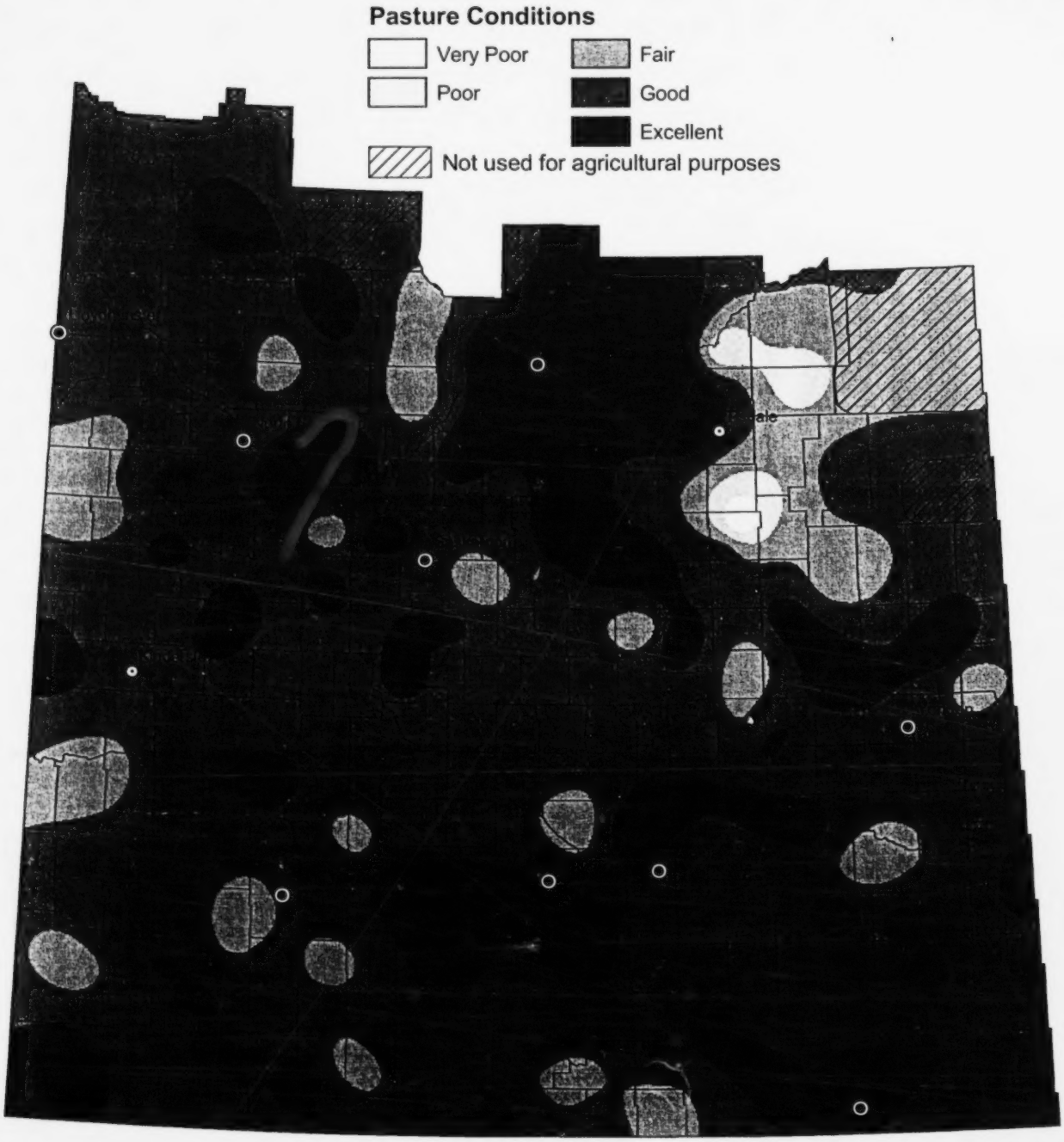

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